



“My VA Readiness Initiative fights for the wellbeing of veterans and their families. The United States should always be ready to provide our veterans with **the care they deserve.** We must honor the immeasurable debt we owe to past and present military members for their dedicated service by ensuring there are tools and support available to navigate civilian life.”



**U.S. Senator
Cory Gardner**

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for ASSISTANCE**



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**V A
READINESS
INITIATIVE**

“To ensure the VA is
always ready to deliver
excellent care to veterans.”



**UNITED STATES SENATOR
CORY GARDNER**



PURPOSE



Every time the VA is not ready to serve our veterans, the federal government has failed.

That's why I'm fighting for **four pillars of readiness** to better serve our veteran community:



Improving the Quality of and Access to Services



Encouraging Innovation



VA Accountability



Empowering Transitioning Service Members

★★★★★ SUMMARY

Read Below for Efforts I am Leading:

Pillar One

Improving the Quality of and Access to Services

- **Supporting Homeless Veterans:** I introduced legislation to help certain homeless shelters provide care to veteran dependents.

(S. 91, the CARE for Veterans' Dependents Act of 2019)

- **Improving Access to Care:** I will continue to fight for wait time solutions.

(Included a key provision in the VA MISSION Act of 2018 that eliminates the 30-day/40-mile limit on community care giving veterans more access to private and local medical care regardless of their situation or location.)

Pillar Two

Encouraging Innovation

- **Leveraging Big Data:** I introduced legislation to promote innovative approaches to suicide prevention using high-performance computing at Department of Energy National Labs.

(S. 143, the Department of Energy Veterans' Health Initiative Act)

- **Championing Hiring Process Reforms:** I introduced legislation to authorize a pilot program to expedite medical professional hiring at VA facilities experiencing shortages.

(S. 450, The Veterans Improved Access and Care Act of 2019)

Pillar Three ***VA Accountability***

- **Reforming VA Contracting:** I introduced legislation to improve contracting competitions to eliminate fraud.

(S. 341, the VA Procurement Efficiency and Transparency Act)

- **Increasing Medical Oversight:** I introduced legislation that would require reporting of medical adverse actions committed by VA doctors.

(S. 221, the Department of Veterans Affairs Provider Accountability Act)

- **Ensuring Complete Forever GI Bill Implementation:** in 2018, the VA failed to provide accurate GI Benefits, I immediately demanded a fix and student repayment. Rest assured, I will continue to fight for full, stable implementation.

(Introduced S. 5, the Fix IOUs for Student Veterans Act of 2018 in the 115th Congress)

Pillar Four ***Empowering Transitioning Service Members***

- **Encouraging Entrepreneurship:** I have been working with the Senate Small Business Committee on protecting, improving, and enhancing the Boots to Business Program.

- **Promoting STEM:** I am a proud cosponsor of legislation to encourage veterans to enter STEM fields.

(S. 153, the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act)

